

REMARKS

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, this application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Disposition of Claims in Office Action

Claims 1- 37 are pending in the application

Claims 25-37 are allowed.

Claims 1- 10 and 12-24 stand rejected.

Claim 11 is objected to.

Summary of Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 and 12-24 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 11 has been amended.

Claims 25-37 remain pending in the application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 25-37.

Response to Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 12-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicant has now cancelled these claims, without prejudice. Applicant reserves its rights to further pursue these claims in a separate application.

Response to Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has now rewritten claim 11 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to claim 11 be withdrawn and claim 11 be allowed as currently amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

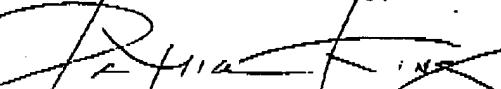
Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in

condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue.

Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, including any extension and excess claim fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-0923. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Respectfully submitted for Applicant,



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